

Prices and Prospects.

COKE MARKET DULLER AND LESS
ACTIVE THAN FOR A LONG TIME

Reflects Conditions in Pig Iron
Where Depression is More
Pronounced.

NO SIGNS OF A REVIVAL

Predictions Are That it Will Not Come
For Months, Possibly a Year, De-
mand So Light There is no Basis of
Actual Sales; Foundry Males Slows

Specs to the Weekly Courier
PHILADELPHIA Feb. 2.—The coke market is the dullest that has been seen for a long time and indeed it is doubtful whether the market was ever so inactive before. There are very few merchant furnaces operating and among those that we have any definite intention to continue operation, there is no demand for pig iron. The pig iron market is probably the dullest that has ever been experienced.

Coke operators are not thinking very seriously as to the time when demand for coke will improve. All indications are that full demand will not come for some time and here are those who do not believe there will be a really full demand at any time this year. A survey of previous depressions in the iron and steel industry indicates that the average duration has been about a year and a half. The sharpest part of the depression would last only a short time but from moderately full operation back to moderately full operation again has shown a habit of running about a year and a half. The trade does not regard this as a good criterion however since conditions are peculiar as the burst in coke, pig iron and steel prices was very strong and the slump very sudden so that the index is very far removed from the operation of a shorter than normal time.

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When a furnace does come on the market for a little lot of furnace coke it is discriminating and only very good grade is given serious consideration. The poorest grade of coke now is perhaps better than the best grade, with an occasional exception, is August Coke that is entirely good as furnace quality but has stood in the weather a few days at a distance and would hardly burn more than \$150 while good freely drawn coke would probably command \$150 and in a pinch a furnace man might have to pay \$50.

There is not much unorganized coke on the market. The railroads are so well provided with cars that they are usually willing to allow loaded cars to stand on operators' sidings in which case no remunerative and the operator are well off in that respect.

Poundage coke is in a limited demand but there is some demand for a little lot of coke on which the producer's have contracts. These are not a regular market commodity, being held at par on the trade will not pay very good grades can be had at \$50 and medium grades at \$65 with a possible \$60 in some instances. The general market being \$80 to \$70. Contract coke is not closely quotable, there being such a range in asking price which are practically non-existent it is between seasons for foundry coke constituting 100% coke, whole in finished steel products. On a unit, a nominally \$60 or 70, being the common asking price, but furnaces are not interested at this figure it indeed they would be interested at any figure. Thus the market on the whole is quotable as follows:

Spot furnace \$175 to \$50
Spot foundry \$25 to \$40
Contract furnace \$30 to \$40

Blast furnace interests are making representations to coke operators that it will be desirable for them to get together with the view of making the lowest priced pig iron possible in hopes that buyers will thereby be moved to take hold. The furnace point out that they cannot consume coke unless they can sell pig iron and

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 1921.			WEEK ENDING JANUARY 22, 1920.			.	
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,977	11,991	1,706	12,030	18,697	11,991	6,701	121,290
Lower Connellsville	16,921	8,007	11,971	11,600	16,981	6,093	10,886	14,670
Totals	35,898	18,998	18,680	186,610	35,678	18,086	17,582	170,960
PLANE Ovens	15,470	10,100	5,970	116,760	15,150	10,100	5,070	112,960
Lower Connellsville	6,956	2,331	4,460	22,610	6,956	2,711	3,211	24,020
Totals	22,426	12,731	9,730	139,370	22,111	13,011	8,277	111,980
MERCHANT OVENS	1,287	1,091	1,636	5,270	3,227	1,091	1,636	8,430
Connellsville	9,993	2,100	5,238	18,960	9,993	3,311	6,611	19,600
Totals	13,282	12,297	8,964	27,210	13,322	5,015	8,277	28,030

ROADS MISMANAGED,
SAY LEADERS WHO
OPPOSE WAGE CUT

Telegrams Sent to President
Calling for Congressional
Investigation.

DEFICIT DUE TO WASTE

Chiefs of Employers' Organizations
Seek Opportunity to Make Immediate
Reply to Appeal of Road Executives
for Abrogation of Agreement.

CHICAGO Feb. 1.—Steps to hasten a decision by the Railroad Labor Board in the railroads' plan for immediate abrogation of national agreements with the brotherhoods were taken today.

Judge R. M. Bartin, chairman of the board announced that Thursday

it is the earliest date for hearing the

parties' side of the illustrations presented yesterday by Brigadier General

W. W. Atterbury on behalf of the association of railroad executives. It is expected that R. M. Howell, acting president of the railroad employees department of the American Federation of Labor would state the brotherhoods' viewpoint.

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ROUTING FREIGHT SHIPMENTS OVER B. & O. IS URGED

Would Serve to Relieve Situation Brought on by Re-adjustment Stamp.

500 MEN LAID OFF HERE

Traffic Carried by Road Before War and Lost During Enforced Carrying of Coal and War Materials Under Federal Control Not Returned to It.

Confronted with heavy loss of business through rapid decline in freight traffic on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and consequent furloughing of hundreds of men on the payroll of the Connellsville terminal of the system, patrons or freight carriers entering the city are being offered the opportunity to at least partially recoup losses by turning their patronage to the Baltimore & Ohio with the tentative understanding that increased business will mean increased appropriations for the terminal and increased employment for the men who buy their "bread and butter" in the city.

In order to impress upon the business interests of the city the facts of the situation and suggest a remedy, in part, during the readjustment depression that is here, a committee representing the Baltimore & Ohio Veterans' association last week made a canvass of every shipper and receiver in the city asking that business which during the war was diverted to other roads, and which since has remained with them be turned back to the Baltimore & Ohio. The committee is made up of James Wardley, grand secretary of the Baltimore & Ohio Veterans' association and P. J. Harrigan, chairman of the Connellsville division of the association. They have very good arguments to offer, among which are these:

During the peak of business last summer the monthly payroll of the Baltimore & Ohio here was \$47,000. It has averaged between \$50,000 and \$50,000 or \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000 a year. The bulk of this huge sum was spent here.

Since the acute falling off in business began, January 1, about one-half of the 1,000 men employed here and those resident here, but working out of the city on the two divisions having terminals here, have been furloughed. It is said, with the prospect that this force will be still further cut unless business is increased.

The situation is regarded as serious, both to employers and their families and the business interests of the city.

Just yesterday 89 men were furloughed and 17 engineers were demobilized or put back to work. A further cut and they, too, go, since there is no position from which they can "hump" other employes in their class. One hundred brakemen, 200 shippers and 100 trackmen have been laid off since January 1. This constitutes about half the force working in and out of Connellsville. Some indication of how far-reaching the retrenchment is may be found in the fact that men as long as 22 years in the service have been furloughed, regardless of family responsibilities.

Six years ago Baltimore & Ohio employes, among whom were Mr. Wardley and Mr. Harrigan, began agitation for increased patronage for the Baltimore & Ohio by business interests and others in the city. Assurance was given at the time by higher officials that if the business justified it the appropriation for the shop would be increased.

The boosters set to work with such spirit and produced such results that \$30,000 monthly was added to the appropriation and the business of the company originating in and shipped to Connellsville reacted 10 per cent of the total.

Then came the war and federal control of operation of the carriers, one result of which was the Baltimore & Ohio was made a coal carrying road, its coke and general freight traffic being given to others. Water materials were added to the business. It was ordered to handle but in consequence the road was so seriously handicapped in movement of other freight that its patrons one by one drifted to other roads. With the ending of the war the shipment of munitions and supplies for the armed forces ceased and the company found itself deprived of the former heavy business in general freight. With revocation of war-time orders coke traffic was restored but it was and still is without the merchandise business of Connellsville.

From the peak of traffic of last summer business has slumped until practically no coal or coke is moving. Were it not for through shipments east traffic on the Connellsville and Pittsburgh divisions, would be about a standstill.

Unofficial figures show that 81 per cent of the Connellsville freight business goes to other roads, leaving the Baltimore & Ohio 19 per cent. Mr. Wardley and Mr. Harrigan are not dodging the issue at all. They are asking that the Baltimore & Ohio be given business commensurate with its importance as a city in itself and the character of its service under private control.

Pittsburgh shipments are now handled on express schedules. Shipments destined for Connellsville received in Pittsburgh by 4 o'clock in the afternoon are delivered here the next morning. Through car service has been inaugurated between Baltimore and this city which lands goods here the day following shipment while the same kind of service is in effect between Philadelphia and Connellsville.

Because of the fact that it employs more persons and at better wages than any institution in Connellsville the boosters feel that they are not overstepping the mark by asking that the business interests reciprocate. This also may be applied to individuals who order merchandise out of the city and can have it routed over the Baltimore & Ohio. The appeal is made to them to help the good cause along.

The members of the booster committee feel that they are not "knocking" any other road but are simply asking what they think in justice belongs to the Baltimore & Ohio.

Railroads Ask Abrogation of Labor Agreement

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—(Bankrupt) threatens the railroads of the United States unless they are assured immediate means for reduction in operating expenses. The Railroad Labor Board was told by the association of Railway Executives, General W. W. Atterbury, chairman of the labor committee of the roads, made the prediction.

The railroad executives assured federal authorities that if war-time regulations are abrogated they would not seek a reduction of basic wages for at least three months after the order becomes effective, saying the interval would be used to test out the efficiency of economies which might be instituted free from the limitation of the present agreement. Ultimately, it was stated, there would be need for a reduction in basic wages if the cost of operation is to be cut to a point where rates would be reduced.

As a measure of immediate relief the roads ask the board to abrogate the agreement fixing the basic rates of unskilled labor at 29 to 48½ cents an hour. They added that this was a higher rate than paid in other industries and that it is operated to the disadvantage of other employers, particularly farmer.

The roads propose that rules and working conditions in effect December 31, 1920, be re-established.

IMMIGRATION WILL NOT LIKELY EXCEED MILLION IN YEAR

Movement Restricted By the Carrying Capacity of Vessels.

JOHNSON BILL WON'T HELP

IMMIGRATION—WEEKLY EDITION Stay the Hand That Has Set in Even If Becomes a Law, Which Does Not Seem Probable; Lack of Harmony Between State, Labor Departments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—All Europe may be headed this way, but only a very small part of it is coming in 1921, says Coal Review. Immigration officials say that the population of the United States cannot gain more than 1,000,000 during the current year through immigration. They base their calculations upon the existing capacity of vessels in trans-Atlantic service. They state that the present rate of immigration is below high tide figures of pre-war days, and that there is little likelihood of additional vessels being placed into service to carry the increased number of persons desiring to come to America.

More than 1,000,000 immigrants, officials state, undoubtedly will come to the United States during 1921, but the net gain, balancing departures against entries, will not exceed that figure.

The present business depression in the United States has had little or no effect in stemming the tide. Ordinarily in a dull industrial year the flow of immigration diminishes, which is not the case at the present time. Virtually every steamship coming to America is packed to the gunwales.

Present indications on Capitol Hill are that there will be no immigration legislation at this session of Congress. The Johnson bill designed to prevent the entry into the United States of immigrants other than near relatives of families already established here, has passed the House and is now before the Senate for action. The Senate Immigration committee is holding hearings on this bill. At a hearing last week Frederick A. Wallis, commissioner of immigration at New York, told the committee what in his opinion it would do little good, if any, to pass the Johnson measure.

Virtually all immigrants admitted to the country at the present time, Mr. Wallis stated, are relatives of other immigrants who have become established in the United States. Passage of the Johnson bill would not exclude this class of immigration, he said.

On the other hand, officials of the Labor Department feel that passage of the Johnson bill might let down the bar to undesirable immigrants now denied admission to the United States. They fear that possibly the courts might construe the Johnson bill, if enacted into law, as superseding, to great extent, existing regulations.

Under the law today the commissioners of immigration is empowered to bar undesirables from the United States. The admittance of these undesirable might be construed as mandatory in case it should be found that they were relatives of immigrant families already established here.

It is also feared by department officials that passage of the Johnson measure might tend to weaken or lessen the requirements of literacy now provided for.

The best way to get a desirable class of immigrants, in the view of Labor Department officials, would be to inspect them on the other side. This, however, is regarded as practically impossible. Foreign governments have repeatedly intimated their distaste for this sort of proceeding.

They regard it as a violation, to some extent, of their sovereignty and have discouraged all attempts undertaken, even informally, to inspect deportees from their respective territories.

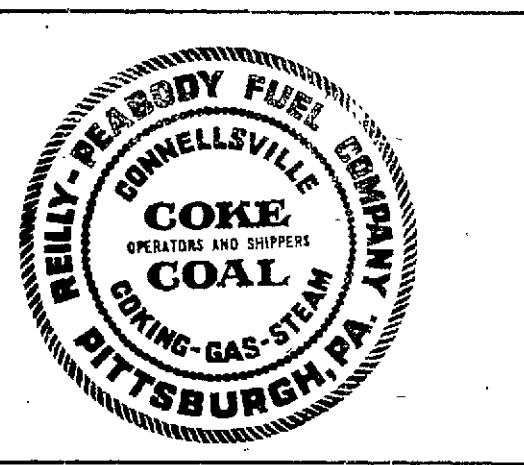
There would appear to be little likelihood of this government being able to station agents aboard who might tag one man as a desirable immigrant and another as undesirable. The law has changed the feeling of

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, January 29, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
40	Asah.	Westinghouse Coke Co.	Greenbush.
225	232	W. J. B. Inc.	New York.
229	290	W. J. B. Inc.	New York.
143	American 1	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg.
219	American 2	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg.
40	America	The Wilkey & Feature Co.	Uniontown.
42	Bellevue	Bellevueton Coal Co.	Uniontown.
219	Bethel	Bethelton Coal Co.	Uniontown.
265	Bethelton	Bethelton Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
266	Bethelton	Century Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
49	Centur	Champion Coke Co.	Uniontown.
257	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg.
110	Crystal	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
236	Deneb.	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
102	Deneb	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
180	Deneb No. 4	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
100	Edna	Jacob Byrne & Co.	Uniontown.
32	Flinley	Astoria-Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
139	Garwood	Garwood Coke Co.	Uniontown.
38	Gemini	Gemini Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
200	Gemini No. 1	Gemini Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
199	Gemini No. 2	Gemini Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
210	Herbert	Gemini Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Co.	Pittsburg.
55	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
151	Hoover	Hillside Coal Co.	Uniontown.
158	Holiday	Holiday Coke Co.	Uniontown.
28	Holiday	Holiday-Sunbury C.C.C.	Uniontown.
286	Holiday	Holiday Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
24	Julian	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
141	Katherine	Junior Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
38	Katy	Aladdin Coke Co.	Uniontown.
41	Liber	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
49	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale.
40	Little Gem	The Butler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
250	Lovely	U.S. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
34	Lutetia	Lutetia Coke Co.	Uniontown.
300	Mac	Mac Coke Co.	Uniontown.
100	Mac	Mac Coke Co.	Uniontown.
292	Puritan 1 & 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown.
101	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
129	Ridge Hill	Ridge Hill Coke Co.	Uniontown.
276	Ridge Hill	W. J. Balmy.	New York.
45	Ridge Hill	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Southfield.
39	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & C. Co.	Pittsburg.
278	Superior	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
280	Sumrock	Sumrock Coke Co.	Uniontown.
210	Sterling	Consolidated Cville Coke Co.	McClintock.
98	Sumption	Sumption Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
208	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
204	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
49	Virginia	Virginia Coke Co.	Scottsdale.
124	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson.
590	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson.
76	Wheland	Wheland-Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
96	Winnmore	Winnmore-Gilmore C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg.
14	Yukon	Yukon Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
5,255	2,644		

FURNACE OVENS.			
400	Alicia	Pittsburg Steel Co.	Albion, Pa. Co.
170	Bridgeton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
152	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Union Hill.
125	Buddington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
300	Cambria No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
156	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
206	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
250	Edenboro	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
290	Edenboro	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	Edenboro	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
62	Fairbank	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
488	Genova	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
242	Laurel	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
425	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
515	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
319	Macdonald	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Youngstown, O.
39	Macdonald	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg.
440	Orient	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg.
439	Republi	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg.
350	Union	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown.
400	Thompson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
6,915	2,311	Hedstone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.



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foreign governments in this respect, to some extent, but not enough, it is such drastic action should be desired thought, to permit that of this country.

The recent report of the House Committee on Immigration is regarded as a distinct friction of feeling between the Labor Department and the State Department about immigration. The Labor Department holds that this vast subject is one which properly comes wholly within its purview; and the present action of the State Department in taking the matter up with foreign governments, presumably without first consulting with the Labor Department, has stirred labor officials to the

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 3, 1921.

THE BANKS RAPIDLY BRINNIN.
The death of William C. Reynolds brings impressively to the attention of the older men associated with the coking industry of the Connellsville region the fact that the ranks of the plant managers whose service has covered the most important period in the region's history, and who attained leadership and won the admiration of their fellow, are being rapidly thinning.

With an experience which began as an employee as a minor capacity to the Connellsville Coke Co. from company, the builder of Leetsburg Nos. 1 and 2 in the early 50's which soon led to his elevation to positions of large responsibility in the management of important plants which subsequently embodied the latest and best practice in coal mining and coke manufacture his service was as evident with the growth and development of the great industry which has made the name Connellsville known wherever coke is produced or consumed.

In his several capacities Mr. Reynolds achieved the admiration of his employer as a man of great energy, and cooperation and developing a rare spirit of loyalty to the company both he and they were serving. His knowledge and skill of coke making were conceded by the region generally to be exceptional and the resulting admiring placed the plants under his control in first place as producers of the region's premier fuel.

As a man and citizen Mr. Reynolds enjoyed the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends. He discharged his obligations and duties in the same modest and unassuming manner with which he performed his dual tasks as the manager of the coking operations in his charge. Although not identified with the coking industry during the closing years of his life he was amply his rich experience to the production of coal hence still regarded as one of the region's useful factors. As such and as a man among men his taking away creates a vacuum no other can fill in quite the same effective way. His death in the prime of life therefore occasions sincere and lasting regret.

MR. LOUDRUM'S LEISURE IN BETHANY (CONT'D.).

The gift by Mr. Cochran past due of the Washington Coal & Coke Company, the prime factor in the large enterprises here & in Dawson and vicinity, of a half million to Bethany College, taking his total benefactions three quarters of a million, was not prompted by a desire to become the leader in West Virginia but in donations to the cause of higher education.

An alumnus of this & now in the nation and the father of a son who obtained rare distinction for scholarship therein Mr. Cochran has his interest in the college's progress and larger usefulness which has from time to time been given express on in other parts of the country and a fitting erected as a memorial to his deceased son. As the college has shown but surely attained a reputation of growth, and its importance, as a seal of learning to more and more generally recognized particular among his numerous brothers of the institution on red Mr. Cochran himself is more now up to date in his affairs than ever before.

More cheerful news has come from automobile dealers cotton mill towns, from inland woolen mills, rubber cities, steel manufacturing centers as well as from the garment trade and elsewhere.

The new year thus far has brought much fewer commercial failures than had been predicted. This has had quite an influence in allaying uneasiness.

Though they have attracted little popular attention the excellent weekly weather reports issued by the government are being noted with deep satisfaction in responsible circles.

Order's progress, is being made in effecting wage reductions and although the largest employer of all the United States Steel Corporation has not acted the lead taken in this direction by independent steel makers is interpreted as overruling early action by the dominant interest. The understanding is that the steel corporation is doing an action until its unified orders have been substantially reduced and new business is sought at lower prices. It is widely felt that the steel in general business would be quickened by the removal of uncertainty over the steel outlook in the matter of a new price level.

Supplementing these developments the reports issued by the government indicate that the upward trend is already in progress and that by April 1 a very decided advance will have been made toward a re-umption of production. By that time outdoor activities will begin to take on new life and the inhabitants of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroads will have become greater and more numerous.

On the other hand the steel industry has not yet been able to make any significant reduction but much less than a per cent, and in eight years a steel producer's report for 1920 is not yet in the public domain. The steel producers in the state of Ohio and the steel producers in the state of West Virginia are not in a position to make any significant reduction in the steel output.

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It is up to the consumers in all lines to advance or retard the return to normal in business and industry according as they buy or refuse to take advantage of the lower prices now prevailing in almost all lines.

A GRAY FUGITIVE CONFRONTING CONNELLSVILLE.

The efforts of the Baltimore & Ohio Veterans Association in making through P. J. Harrigan, president of the Connellsville division and James Wardell, grand secretary of the organization to secure a large paragon for the railroad by Connellsville shippers when rightly understood is an appeal in behalf of Connellsville and every business in every city and citizen in the city and its environs.

Just so in the re-surfacing method the earlier attempts were cruder than those now employed. Instead of a single thin course of asphalt to serve as both binder and wearing surface, two courses are now applied for the purpose of binding the worn bricks into a substantial base. The other also specially prepared and applied but of slightly different ingredients and mixture and of adequate thickness to sustain the traffic to form the wearing course. Thus, as compared with Unionton's experience that of Peoria Ill. shows the development instead of the experimental stage of the art.

It is a city the size and importance of Peoria has found this method so satisfactory, economical and durable after a test of eight years that other streets have been so treated and others are to be so treated. It is certainly not out of place for Connellsville to at least ascertain to the entire satisfaction of the members of the city council and property holders generally of saving \$25,000 \$30,000 or any sum for the property holders would be of a joke as the mayor so happily terms it.

It is a saving course within that category it is a joke that in these days of high millages and heavy street improvement assessments would be 10% much appreciated by those who foot the bill.

IN IT UP TO CONSUMERS.

To these men are not disposed to take a gloomy view of the business and industrial situation there much in the prospects and the activities as well to encourage the belief that the outlook is becoming brighter with each passing week. This is the conviction of trained observers who have signs and portents of changing conditions and whose experience enables them to give proper value to the various indications.

Thus B. C. Forbes the well known writer on business says in the Philadelphia Ledger that the business world is following the example of the financial world by taking off the spectacles formerly worn almost universally. On all sides a bright outlook is seen.

January has brought encouraging developments in money in exchange in securities in industry in trade and in labor. Yet the transformation in sentiment is the most notable of all in the city as the return of a private control of operation during the war.

The following may be said to represent the sentiment that prevails among business and banking circles. What has actually taken place in the direction of improvement in conditions is perhaps of more interest because it is more substantial evidence. Mr. Forbes summarizes these betterments in this wise:

"Money rates are distinctly easier, and there is more confidence to trust worthy borrowers. From now in most cases should be less hampered by bank credit restrictions.

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Very few people take either the time or trouble to study the annual reports of public expenditures to such an extent that they become correctly informed as to the important matters contained therein. About all the average taxpayer concerns himself about learning from these statements the total amount of expenditures and when not sucking it all up extravagance and waste is apparently evident with a very cursory examination of the reports.

Thus in the case of County Auditor Huston's report those taxpayers who display any interest in such matters may take pains enough to find out that the receipts of State comes during 1919 from all sources, including the balance of \$612,560.00 on hand at the beginning of the year was \$1,454,173.80. The expenditures for all purposes were \$1,234,371.23 leaving a balance of \$229,202.33 in the hands of the treasurer with which he begins the new year.

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COUNTY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The best thing about the sales campaign of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is that its employees are making conditions almost as safe on the road as they are in witness to safety pictures.

A generous donor to the cause of higher education M. M. Clegg of Lauratown setting an example of wealth Fayette counties could easily take pride in emulation.

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BILLY BISHOP WRITES OF TRIP THROUGH SOUTH

Members of Connellsburg Motor Party Now Enjoying Florida Breezes.

REMAIN UNTIL SPRING

Good Roads and Bad, Much of the Lat-
ter, Encountered in Journey of 2,050
Miles Which Includes Side Trip to
Big Game Preserve in Alabama.

Billy Bishop's story of his trip from Connellsburg to Miami, Fla., by automobile in company with his aunt, Mrs. Catherine J. Bishop, and niece, Virginia Jane, is related in the following, beginning with the departure of the party last fall:

"From Connellsburg we drove to Uniontown where we picked up Mrs. George Sillwell of Garfieldhills, she going with us to Calhoun, Ala., it was raining hard when we started up the mountain. Stewart Sillwell, wanting to see his mother safely off, drove ahead of us to the top of the mountain. On the way we ran into a blinding snow storm. At several places we encountered snow two to four inches deep. Reaching Prossburg it was like summer again.

"At Cumberland we stayed over night with Mr. and Mrs. Fay, who had just removed from Connellsburg. Next morning we drove to Hancock and then to Hagerstown where we spent a couple of days with old Mother Troxel, as everybody calls her. Her father and mother were connected with the removal of the famous John Brown bell from an arsenal of the Confederate army which was kept hidden until the close of the war. We also called on Mr. and Mrs. Ester, old Connellsburg folks. Mr. Ester was once in charge of the Royal Woolen Mills store in Connellsburg.

"I had a talk with the Hagerstown fair board and now think that the Connellsburg Military band will play at the fair for a week next fall.

"Arriving in Washington we spent several days sight-seeing. Mrs. Sillwell being an old friend of Senator Cummins we spent a day with the senator and his sisters at their apartment in Vermont avenue.

"We inquired the prices of rooms at hotels for the week of March 4. The best was \$100, but four could use a room.

"Leaving Washington we drove to Spotsylvania Court House and then to Richmond. At the latter place we spent several days. We crossed the James river to Petersburg, visiting in turn Dinwiddie and Emporia. Passing through the state of Virginia we entered North Carolina. We spent a couple of days seeing Raleigh. At Southern Pines we nearly lost our automobile. We took it from the garage to the hotel at 7 o'clock in the morning. At 8 o'clock the garage was burned.

"Passing through South Carolina we entered Georgia, going to Augusta where we spent several days. At Macon you can take your choice of three routes south. One is by way of Waycross and Jacksonville, Fla.; another by way of Valdosta, Ga., and Madison, Fla., the third by way of Thomasville, Ga. But we wanted to go to Calhoun, Ala., so we could not take either. We drove to Bryan, in Fort Valley, then to Marshallville and Montezuma and finally to Oglethorpe, named in honor of an English general and founder of the state of Georgia. Here we had dinner at the famous Joe Brown's tea room, another tourist hotbed. Leaving Georgia we drove to Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, where we spent several days. Our next stop was Calhoun, Ala., where the famous Bell came preserve of 16,000 lbs. is located. Here live Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beazell. Mrs. Beazell is a daughter of Mrs. Sillwell. Here we found hunting good—all kinds of game, including turkeys, squirrels, rabbits and quail. We had game of some kind every meal. The preserve being closed for five years, it was great sport for us. Not tired of hunting nor of eating quail potpie but afraid of the winter rains, we left our friend, Mrs. Sillwell, here and drove back to the Georgia state line, stopping at Thomasville. Here we had to lay up for the night on account of rain. Then to Quinton, the last town in Georgia.

"And finally Palm Beach. It is a finest beach in the United States. Here we stayed a week, bathing and fishing. Palm Beach was the best place on the trip for pleasure and climate. Miami was our next objective and here we are now in the greatest city of the South. We have nice rooms at the Paramount hotel, which is located at 13th street and Avenue C. We like Miami and will be here for the rest of the winter."

Referring again to the trip southward Billy says:

"On our way down we had good roads through Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and part of Virginia and bad roads in North Carolina and very bad in South Carolina. They were bad all through Georgia but in Montgomery county only did we travel easy in Alabama. Northern Florida, as far as Polkata, was bad; then good all the way to Miami."

"In the Carolinas we passed through hundreds of acres of cotton in full bloom. They told us much of it would never be picked because it would cost more than the producer can get out of it. And yet they pay negroes only 75 cents to a dollar a day and hundreds of them can't get work at that rate. One plantation man said he felt like setting fire to his fields and burning them up."

"Lots of the cotton men would not sell when the price was up to 40 cents. Now they cannot sell at any price. Still we pay \$4 and \$5 for cotton shirts that sold before the war at 75 cents and a dollar."

The letter says that the party covered 2,050 miles on the trip. Without the side journey to Alabama it would have been 150.

SIX WEEKS OF CRIMINAL COURT AT MARCH TERM; 600 JURORS ORDERED

Effort Will Be Made to Clear Up the Accumulation of Cases; Liquor Prosecutions Figure.

In an effort to clean up all criminal cases pending in the Fayette county courts, an order was issued Friday summoning a venire for a six weeks' term of criminal court instead of the regular three weeks' March term. The order calls for 600 jurors and grand jurors to be summoned. At the last term of criminal court which lasted four weeks there were about 65 cases continued over to the March term, the greater part of which were the liquor cases brought by the prosecutions of the Committee of One Hundred. There were 48 liquor cases listed for trial in the last week of the December term and only one was tried.

In addition to the liquor cases there are a large number of cases already returned and by the time criminal court opens it is expected that the list will be one of the largest in the history of the local courts. There have already been returns on 70 cases with a month and a half time for the filing of additional ones. On the list are several murder cases and a number of other important cases including arson and rape trials which are expected to consume considerable time.

REMOVAL OF CHESTNUT FROM FORBES RESERVE BEARER'S PROPOSAL

Member of Board of Relief That It Is Advisable to Use Blight-Stricken Timber While It Will.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27.—EXTENSIVE improvements in the Forbes state forest are contemplated this year by District Forester V. M. Bearer of Ligonier. His budget for 1921, which he submitted this week to the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry calls for the extension of 60,000 feet of forest roads, 16,000 feet of cleared safety strips and 5,500 feet of forest trails.

Forester Bearer hopes to construct a telephone line from the main forest line to the forest fire observation tower on Bald Knob. His planting plans call for setting out 30,000 white pine seedlings and 15,000 Norway spruce seedlings in the forest. It is estimated that this plantation will cover about 20 acres.

Forester Bearer requested authority to dispose of all chestnut trees, live and dead, on at least 45 acres of the forest. He believes it is advisable to cut the chestnut so that much of the timber may be utilized before it is killed by the blight and deteriorates so that it is valueless.

ANTON RUSKOVIC DEAD

Was Former Manager of Foreign Department of First National Bank.

Anthony Ruskovic, 55 years old, manager of the foreign department of the Union Savings bank since 1920 and formerly manager of the foreign business of the First National bank of Connellsburg, died Thursday at his home in Pemberton avenue, Brighton Heights, North Side, Pittsburgh. He underwent a mastoid operation on January 10. Pneumonia developed a few days later.

Mr. Ruskovic was born in Kercava, Dalmatia in 1866. He came to this country in 1902 when he became manager of the foreign department of First National bank of Connellsburg. Eight years later he became a resident of Pittsburgh.

He was a member of the National Creation society, St. Nicholas Catholic church of the North Side, Pittsburgh, and a member of several prominent American organizations and clubs.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Catherine Ruskovic, a son, John Ruskovic; two daughters, Catherine and Ines, at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Angelina Giacanovich and Mrs. Josephine Potočan, both of Dalmatia.

LOSE HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Burned Out in Fire at Dixonville.

In a fire which destroyed the apartment where they resided at Dixonville, Indiana county, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, formerly of this city, lost all their household goods Sunday night. They, with their daughter, barely had sufficient time to get out. Details of the fire are not known.

Mr. Miller is well known in this city, having at one time been proprietor of the present Connellsburg Drug store, then the West Penn Drug company. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Pearl Foltz of Dunbar. They were living in the Cotton apartments here when that structure caught fire several years ago.

TABLET TO HONOR DEAD

Names of 300 Westmoreland Soldiers Will Be Placed on It.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 27.—That Westmoreland county suffered the heaviest casualties of any county in the state in the honor roll committee contents after a careful survey of the lists of wounded and dead in the World War, Greensburg alone lost 109 soldiers.

As a lasting memorial to the men from Westmoreland county who gave their lives, a bronze tablet will be erected in the court-house. It is planned by the committee in charge to have the erection timed so that the unveiling exercises may be held on Memorial day. The tablet will contain the names of the 300 of Westmoreland county who gave their lives during the conflict.

Edgar Superintendent.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27.—George J. Isadore of Philadelphia, has been elected superintendent of the State Soldiers' Orphan school at Scotland, Franklin county. Mr. Isadore will take charge in April.

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M. M. COCHRAN GIVES BETHANY HALF MILLION

Announcement Made at Meeting of Trustees in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

TOTAL GIFTS \$750,000

STATE POLICE OF DISTRICT BUSY LOT DURING YEAR 1920

Stolen Property Valued at \$122,363. Recovered: 3,012 Arrests, of Which 167 Are in Fayette County.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 27.—Troop A, state police, with headquarters here, recovered \$122,432.25 worth of stolen property during 1920, according to the annual report of that organization.

This troop recovered more stolen property last year than any other troop in the state.

Thirty-one automobiles, valued at \$44,850, were recovered. Other property recovered during the year and the valuation was as follows: Automobile accessories, \$510.45; live stock (cows), \$120; merchandise, \$5,952.35; two motorcycles, \$500; jewelry, \$1,700; 34 barrels of whisky, \$89,000; miscellaneous, \$4,075.65; cash, \$62,402.14.

Of the 2,012 persons arrested by Troop A during the year 1,613 prisoners were convicted, 156 were discharged and 208 cases are still pending.

Arrests were made by troopers of the command in 24 counties of the state. Five hundred eighty were made in Westmoreland county. Indiana was second, 269 arrests being made in that county. Arrests in other counties follow:

Allegheny, 321; Beaver, one; Bedford, 15; Blair, 87; Cambria, 33; Cen- ter, 47; Clearfield, 27; Clinton, 22; Dauphin, four; Delaware, one; Fulton, two; Fayette, 167; Greene, one; Huntingdon, 51; Jefferson, six; Lehigh, one; Lycoming, five; Mifflin, 13; Montgomery, one; Potter, one; Somerset, 42; Washington, 29.

Sale of Methodist Church Approved at Meeting of Members

The proposed sale of the Methodist Episcopal church property to Robert Nords, who is said to be acting for others, was ratified at a congregational meeting Thursday but by a close margin. The vote was 33 for and 77 against.

From the stories of the pastor and the witnesses it is taken that the two men then engaged in a duel and that at the third shot fired by Meade the old man fell dead, a bullet having pierced his chest near the heart, entering the fourth rib.

In all, seven or eight shots were fired, five by Meade and two or three by his uncle. A revolver found lying by the side of the dead man had two shells exploded, and another snapped but not exploded, this indicating that seven shots were fired. None struck the young Mountain and reports are at variance as to the number which hit the uncle, one saying that he was wounded in the shoulder before he fell.

The stories of the witnesses and of Meade Mountain agree on one point, that the older Mountain left a wagon he was riding and walked to the stone quarry at which the men were working and began to abuse the nephew, calling him vile names and making what they styled "insulting remarks," which they declined to repeat. The young man resented this but at what extent is not clear. It was at this juncture that Jasper Mountain is said to have drawn a revolver and began firing at Meade.

"I shot in self-defense," Meade declared at the jail today. "I did not want to kill him. He was my uncle. It is true, but I had to defend myself. He fired the first shot after he had abused me. He was the first to start the trouble. He meant to kill me."

The old board was re-elected. It is composed of John Baur, Jr., C. A. Thomas, W. R. Scott, C. D. Conley and C. P. Kepner.

HURT PLAYING BLACK MAN

Ohio City Boy's Leg Broken When Another Falls on Him.

Freeman Hamilton, nine years old, of Ohio City, was admitted to the Cottontown State hospital for treatment of a fracture of the leg, above the knee.

The lad was playing "Black Man" on the school ground with some larger boys when he met with the accident yesterday afternoon. A son of W. B. Jackson fell on him.

BODY IDENTIFIED,

Corpse Found in Woods Near Stanton Station of Tarr Man.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 27.—The body found by B. F. Cramer on Monday in the woods between Foxton and New Stanton was identified today as that of George Simpson of Tarr by William Clark, of Tarr, with whom Simpson had been living.

Simpson left Mr. Clark's home on January 6 telling him he was going to the county home. He went there and stayed until January 6. Nothing had been heard of him since.

West Side Home Sold.

Mrs. Etta Boor Miles has sold her residence in South Eighth street, Greenwood, to H. P. Perdue. The consideration was not made known.

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COUNTY MILLAGE FIXED

Westmoreland Taxable Must Pay Nine Mills in 1921.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 28.—County millage for the year was fixed at \$1,000,000 by the county commissioners, W. Dick Reamer, Berkey H. Boyd and George W. Deeds at a meeting held yesterday. The commissioners fixed the general tax on \$1,000,000 building at one and road at three.

The road tax is an increase of one mill over that of last year. The general and building tax remain the same as in 1920.

Closing Markleton Hospital Delayed; to Be Further Probed

Closing of the wounded soldiers' hospital in Markleton, as ordered by the Treasury Department, was halted Thursday by protest against the action made by Representatives Kendall and Crago of Pennsylvania, according to a story in the Philadelphia Ledger.

David F. Houston, secretary of the treasury, agreed to hold up final action, Mr. Kendall declared, pending further investigation.

Greene County Wins Cup for Best Corn at State Farm Show

HARRISBURG, Jan. 28.—Greene county has been awarded the silver cup prize for the best county exhibit of corn at the state farm products show and A. J. McCue, Avondale, Chester county, the prizes for the grand champion ear and the grand champion 10 ears. H. C. Heaton, York county, was awarded the prize for the new roadway before the actual beginning of the construction season.

The projects in the "setting" of February 15 include:

Somerset county—Berlin borough, 2,698 feet, on Route No. 51. An additional project on this route is that for the construction of 20,150 feet, between Meyersdale and Garrett, in Summit township.

Washington county—Somerset and Nottingham townships, 6,107 feet, on Route No. 181, between Washington and Monongahela.

NEAR EAST FUND BOOSTED.

Sum of \$262,500 Raised in United Brethren Church Sunday.

A fund of \$262,500 for Near East relief was contributed by the United Brethren church Sunday at the Bible school and church services.

The day was a red letter one for the church the attendance at the Bible school being 500.

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JASPER MOUNTAIN SHOT TWICE, KILLED ALMOST INSTANTLY

Five Bullets Fired By Meade Mountain, Two Striking, One Near Heart.

DR. WAKEFIELD IS ELECTED MEMBER OF BOARD OF HEALTH

She succeeds to place made vacant by expiration of term of Alderman W. D. Colborn.

Dr. Katherine Wakefield, formerly a member, was elected to the board of health by city council Monday evening. She succeeds to the place made vacant by the expiration of the term of Alderman W. D. Colborn.

In choosing Dr. Wakefield council adhered to the regulation that requires two practicing physicians on the board. Report was expressed that Alderman Colborn could not be re-elected, in being in the same district as Dr. Wakefield. He has made an excellent official, all members of council agreed, and the only reason for his not being re-elected was that the law requires two physicians.

Dr. Wakefield was elected for a term of five years. Her connection with the city schools as medical examiner makes her a valuable acquisition to the health board.

MAJOR M'KEE RESIGNS FROM MEDICAL UNIT

